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TAGS: KJUS, PREL, PTER, PHUM, KISL, IZ
 SUBJECT: 764 MNF-I DETAINEES APPROVED FOR RELEASE BY CRRB

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 Duffy for Reason 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (C) Summary. The joint Iraqi/MNF-I Combined Review and
 Release Board has reviewed 1,056 files since August 21,
 2004, and has recommended a total of 764 (64%) MNF-I
 security internees for release.

End summary.

2. (C) Between August 21 and September 14, 2004, the
 Combined Review and Release Board (CRRB) reviewed the files
 of 1,056 security detainees in MNF-I custody at thrice-
 weekly meetings held in central Baghdad. At the current
 rate, the six Iraqi and three Coalition voting members of

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the CRRB will have reviewed the remaining security internees available for review by the end of October.

3. (C) Of the 1,056 security detainees whose cases have been reviewed by the CRRB, 292 (27%) have been recommended for continued internment, 389 (37%) for unconditional release, and 375 (36%) for release with a guarantor. In the cases of the last, MNF-I originally envisioned the Iraqi Ministry of Justice identifying and signing up appropriate community or religious figures, prominent family members, or local government employees, to sign and vouch for the future good conduct of those released.

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7. (C) Detainees approved for unconditional release and those with approved guarantors will be released roughly once per week, in large regular tranches, and transported by bus to local police stations in the towns and cities of

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their residence or initial arrest. Detainees recommended for continued internment on the grounds that they continue to pose an imperative threat to security (as were 292 of the first 1056 considered by the CRRB) will have their cases reviewed again with an eye to collecting sufficient evidence to refer these cases for criminal prosecution in the Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI).

8. (C) In addition, MNF-I may employ a team of three attorneys, nominated by the Ministries of Justice, Interior, and Human Rights, to examine Iraqi records for outstanding charges or pertinent information regarding detainees recommended for continued internment. While the poor quality of Iraqi record-keeping may complicate such

investigations, MNF-I may be able to assist the IIG in linking and improving the quality of records databases to this end.

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